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He must have some good friends that are attempting to have him do this. I think the first thing we have to realize is that these amendments have been turned down by the committee in the committee hearing, the public hearing after they were thoroughly discussed. They've been turned down on the floor once when Senator Simpson offered them and now I'm asking you to reject them again today. I think that this bill has been abused, picked on, to a great extent by people outside of Lancaster County as a favor to some of their friends. The people that we are trying to protect in the Lancaster delegation are the people that are trying to fight the bill and don't realize what's in store for them if they don't have some protection....in a personnel plan. I don't believe they realize what is going on in the areas where they are to be hired and fired. I doubt if they've read the bill. I doubt very much if they know what it contains. I think they are being told what to say and what to do. If they're not, I apologize to them but I doubt very much whether they know what's consisting....what LB995 consists of. The Lancaster County delegation is solid behind the bill as it is. We would like to see it expedited across the board and, therefore, we ask your indulgence and your restrictions to knock out any attempt to bring this bill back for any further amendments. We're 100% behind it at this time and we hope we can have your help in getting this bill across the floor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler. The motion is to return LB995.

SENATOR FOWLER: I'd just like to say I support Senator Barnett when he says the delegation is behind it. He is actually speaking the truth. I'd say that the amendments have been considered very thoroughly and rejected and I don't think Senator Lewis has spent enough time with the bill to be aware of all the issues behind it. I don't think there's a need for these amendments at this time.

PRESIDENT: Are you all through discussing the motion now? All right. Senator Lewis. Senator Lewis is now closing on his motion to return LB995 to Select File for specific amendment. The amendment is found on page 1013. Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well, first, before I close, could I ask Senator Fowler a question please?

PRESIDENT: Certainly. Senator Fowler yield? To a question?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Senator Fowler, do you feel that the Lancaster County employees...the county employees are under a civil service system? Currently.

SENATOR FOWLER: Currently?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Currently, yes.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, some employees who fall under federal programs are but the rest are not.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: The only ones that are protected, I might say then, from politics are those under the federal program?

SENATOR FOWLER: But....yeah, that's the case currently.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Do you feel that the present law, LB995 is presently constructed gives these employees some protection from political influence.....

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